

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

Amend the last full paragraph [0016] on page 6 as follows:

[0016] The switch section 142 includes select keys and a set key for setting a command selected or sending it, although not shown specifically. The switch section ~~[[14]]~~ 142 delivers to the system controller 16 the operation signal 14a representative of information relating to the operation and setting, which are performed by the operator. The shutter release button 140 feeds a timing signal 14b, which is another operation signal and representative of when to release the shutter 24, to the system controller 16.

Amend the last full paragraph [0041] on page 14 as follows:

[0041] As shown in FIG. 2, the threshold generator ~~[[34]]~~ 34c includes a threshold calculating circuit 340 and a threshold correcting circuit 342 interconnected as illustrated. The threshold calculating circuit 340 calculates a threshold for the entire image in accordance with various parameters or shooting conditions 16c collected in the system controller 16. The parameters include at least one of pickup sensitivity, exposure conditions, shoot mode, sharpness, the kind of light source, operation and a display magnification.